

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

PROJECT TITLE:

An Ordinance of the Everett City Council concerning a vote on the issue of creating districts to elect five of seven Everett City Councilmembers and requesting that the Snohomish County Auditor place this measure on the November 2017 ballot

_____	Consent
_____	Action
<u>7/19/17</u>	First Reading
<u>7/19/17</u>	Second Reading
<u>7/26/17**</u>	Third Reading
_____	Public Hearing

**Third reading will occur if County verifies that the petition has sufficient valid signatures

COUNCIL BILL #	<u>CB1707-30</u>
Originating Department	<u>Legal</u>
Contact Person	<u>Jim Iles</u>
Phone Number	<u>425-257-8739</u>
FOR AGENDA OF	<u>July 19, 2017</u>

Initialed by:
Department Head
CAA
Council President




<u>Location</u>	<u>Preceding Action</u>	<u>Attachments</u> Ordinance	<u>Department(s) Approval</u> Legal
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Amount Budgeted		
Expenditure Required		Account Number(s):
Budget Remaining		
Additional Required		

DETAILED SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Everett Districts Now (EDN) is circulating a petition to amend the City Charter to provide for district elections of councilmembers. If the petition obtains sufficient verified signatures, then Council transmits the petition by ordinance to the County for inclusion on the ballot. The deadline for the County to receive the ordinance is August 1, 2017 for inclusion on the November 2017 ballot. By having the first and second readings of the transmission ordinance on July 19, 2017, the Council will be able to adopt the ordinance on third reading on July 26, 2017, if prior to that date, the County informs the City that the petition has sufficient verified signatures.

RECOMMENDATION (Exact action requested of Council):

Adopt An Ordinance of the Everett City Council concerning a vote on the issue of creating districts to elect five of seven Everett City Councilmembers and requesting that the Snohomish County Auditor place this measure on the ballot of the November 2017 ballot.

ORDINANCE NO. _____



AN ORDINANCE of the Everett City Council concerning a vote on the issue of creating districts to elect five of seven Everett City Councilmembers and requesting that the Snohomish County Auditor place this measure on the November 2017 ballot.

WHEREAS, the Everett City Charter was adopted at a Special Election held June 25, 1968, and amended in 1978, 1982, 1996, 2006 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter provides: "The elective officers of the city shall be the mayor and seven (7) council members, all of whom shall be elected by majority vote from the city at large"; and

WHEREAS, Everett Districts Now (EDN), residents of Everett, have undertaken an petition drive to change Everett's form of Council representation from at large to a combination of at large and districts; and

WHEREAS, for a change to occur in Council representation from at large to districting, Section 2.1 of the City Charter must be amended by a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Council was informed by the Snohomish County Auditor's Office on _____ that EDN has submitted the requisite number of signatures and is deemed to have been presented to Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF EVERETT DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: An election shall be held to seek the advice of the electors of the City on the following measure, as it may be revised by the City Attorney in accordance with Section 3 below:

PROPOSITION # 1

City of Everett Proposed Charter Amendment concerns creating districts to elect five of seven Everett City Councilmembers.

This measure requires election of five City Councilmembers by district and two from the City at-large. Candidates must establish residency one year before election. Every decade a commission re-draws districts to equalize district populations. Councilmembers elected in 2017 serve transitional 2-year terms. In 2019, elections occur

for two at-large Councilmembers (transitional 2-year terms ending 2021) and five district Councilmembers (4-year terms ending 2023). After 2019, all elections for all Council positions are for 4-year terms.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

Section 2: The Snohomish County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of all elections held in Snohomish County, is requested to place such measure on the ballot of the November 2017 ballot.

Section 3: The City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to take action with respect to the proposed ballot measure regarding possible changes to the Everett City Charter so that the ballot is formulated in compliance with local requirements and state law applicable to local measures (such as RCW 29A.36.071). The City Attorney shall transmit any revisions to the Clerk of the City of Everett. The Clerk is authorized and directed to certify to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office the proposed ballot measure as specified above and revised by the City Attorney. The City Attorney and City Clerk are each authorized to take whatever additional actions are necessary for the placement of such changes on the November 2017 ballot.

RAY STEPHANSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHARON FULLER, CITY CLERK

Passed: _____

Valid: _____

Effective: _____

Published: _____